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Attn: Ms. Francine Torres

Dear Ms. Torres:

Organic food is an important part of my and my family's diet, and we also try to eat animal products only from animals which have been raised and fed organically, so far as possible, and treated humanely as well.

In twenty-first century America, the vast majority of us are far removed from the raising of our food, and those of us who care about its sources have practically no means of affecting these sources except through the USDA (and our own purchasing choices, of course, but that means little if the choice is not there to make).

The National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) has made excellent recommendations regarding the pasturing of dairy cows, and I respectfully urge you to endorse these recommendations.

Yours truly.

Mary Bresnan